(*a*) whether Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyar, Moral Instructor to the convicts in the Central Prison, has been made a non-official visitor of that institution; and

(*b*) whether he continues to receive any remuneration from the Prison Department in the capacity of Moral Instructor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative in each case.

Manufacture of Ink by the Department of Industries.

63. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how far the attempts made to manufacture soluble fluid ink, ink powder and ink tablets by the Department of Industries have been successful?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Department of Industries has made blue black ink of good quality. Work on ink powder and ink tablets will be started soon.

Sale of Immoveable Properties under the Revenue Recovery Regulation in 1100.

64. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received "a clear report" from the Land Revenue Commissioner concerning the abnormal increase in the sale of immoveable properties for the realisation of land tax in the year 1100; and, if so, will they be pleased to lay it on the table?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. A copy* of the report is laid on the table.

Commutation of Tax on Kandukrishi Lands.

65. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made towards the commutation of *kist* in kind into money with regard to *Kandukrishi* lands since the last pronouncement of the Government on the subject?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Out of the paddy collections from *Kandukrishi* lands more than 50 per cent. is now used in kind for supply of rice to Palaces, and for payments of family pensions, *jenmibhogam, arthapalisa, tiruppuvaram*, etc. The Government are in correspondence with the Land Revenue Commissioner in regard to the arrangements to be made for the satisfaction of these claims in the event of payment in kind in respect of *kandukrishi* lands being abolished. His final report has not yet been received.

Commutation of Kist on Kandukrishi Lands.

66. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): With regard to the question of altering the system of payment of *Kandukrishi pattom* in kind, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by them since the reply to the motion thereon printed at page 294 of Volume VII of the Legislative Council Proceedings;

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 151 and 152.

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 64.**

R. O. C. No. 2680 of 1925/Land Revenue.

Office of the Land Revenue and
Income Tax Commissioner,
Trivandrum, 14th July 1926.

From

S. C. H. ROBINSON Esq.,
Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner,
Travancore.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Trivandrum.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter R. O. C. No. 2680/25/L. R., dated 23rd February 1926, *re* the abnormal increase in the sale of immoveable properties in the Quilon Division, especially in the taluks of Karunagapalli and Karthigapalli, referred to in para 6 of the Administration Report of this Department for 1100, I have the honour to forward herewith extract † from report R. O. C. No. 932/01, dated the 24th February 1926, from the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, explaining the causes th led to the high increase in the sale of immoveable properties for ar. ars of land revenue. The Peishkar reports that the large increase under the head was due to the fact that the Land Revenue Officers of these taluks took advantage of the provisions of G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Rev., dated 8-12-1923 and proceeded against the immoveable properties of the defaulters in the first instance without waiting to see whether the arrears could be recovered by the attachment of moveables, if any, and also on account of the prompt coercive action taken in these taluks.

I shall, on receipt of the reports called for from the Dewan Peishkars, send up my report later on, on the other points on which information has been called for in G. O. Dis. No. 1612/25/Rev., dated 23-12-1925, reviewing the Administration Report for 1100.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. C. H. ROBINSON,
Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.

Vide Enclosure.

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Enclosure.

R. O. C. No. 932/101.

Division Cutcherry,
Quilon, 24th February 1926.

From The Dewan Peishkar, Quilon.

To

The Land Revenue Commissioner,
Travancore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter Dis. No. 2680/25, dated 4-12-1925, *re* Administration Report of this department for 1100, I have the honour to inform you that I made a careful enquiry into the cause for the high increase in the sale of immoveable properties in the taluks of Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli. The number of cases of immoveable properties in respect of which the sales were confirmed was only 75 and 38 respectively in these two taluks, although the number in respect of which such properties were brought to sale was 157 and 360 as shown in the Administration Report. My enquiries do not enable me to discover any economic depression peculiar to these taluks. It may, however, be stated that the land revenue officers of these taluks took advantage of the provisions of G. O. Dis. No. 1648 of 23/Revenue, dated 8-12-1923, and proceeded against the immoveable properties of the defaulters in the very first instance without ascertaining whether there were moveable properties for distraint, as was the practice before, and that this new procedure approved by the Government on the basis of the opinion of their Law Officer, has contributed to an appreciable increase in the number of attachments of immoveable properties. There was also prompt coercive action.

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I have etc.,
S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Ag. Dewan Peishkar.

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 67.**

Statement, by castes, of *Proverthikars* in the State.

Serial No.	Name of Division.	Brahmins.	Nairs.	Vellalas.	Other Hindus.	Christians.	Other classes.	Vacant.	Total.
1	Trivandrum	19	91	30	3	...	...	2	145
2	Quilon	10	114	9	...	1	4	...	138
3	Kottayam	17	90	...	8	2	...	...	117
4	Devicolam	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Total	46	300	39	11	3	4	2	405

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